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Signature Requirement for Statewide Initiative and Referendum Petitions (January 23, 2007)

According to Colorado Constitution, Article V, Section 1(2), the number of signatures required for a statewide <u>initiative</u> petition is "at least five percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election". According to Article V, Section 1(3), the same number of signatures is required for a statewide <u>referendum</u> petition.

The total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the November 7, 2006 General Election was 1,520,935; therefore, the signature requirement for state initiatives for 2007-2008 is:

76,047

(67,829 for 2004-2005) (80,571 for 2002-2003) (62,438 for 2000-2001) (54,242 for 1998-1999)

For more information concerning initiative and referendum procedures, please call Cesiah Gomez, at 303-894-2200, ext. 6313.